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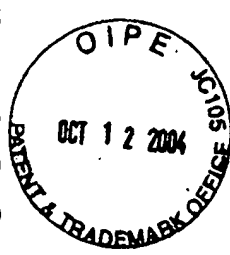
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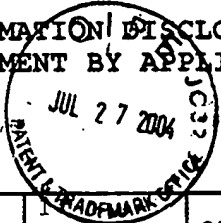
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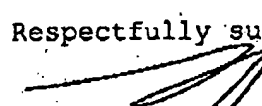
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return initialed copies of the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B to confirm that the documents listed therein have all been considered and made of record.

Commercially available English language Abstracts are provided for each of the cited Japanese documents except for JP 3161050.

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